

DEAR EDITOR....

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a million dollars, tax free, he would probably accept.

If he wanted to live some where in the United States under an alias, what wrong could he do here?

If he would insist to continue to have his own subjects, maybe we could give him even the island of Brioni with the few hundred inhabitants. . . Would it not be worth while if we would consider how many lives suffering and sweat could be saved if the political change in Yugoslavia could take place without another carnage and revolution?

On the other hand, Yugoslavia should not be given back to its former king—the country would not be happy with him. The people in Yugoslavia have to decide their fate through free elections, organized and supervised by the United Nations.

Maybe they would even ask to join the United States as a 49th state. . . Would we refuse?

Sincerely,
(S) MARC BERGERAC

Traffic Trouble

Editor
Torrence Press

I appreciate very much, indeed, your interest and efforts in the improvement of the traffic situation in order to achieve additional Legislation regarding elimination of too many traffic hazards.

Even the Governor has decided now to do something about it and I feel sure that he will not overlook a single situation which might constitute a traffic hazard.

We all know very well that some existing laws are outmoded but constitute obstacles to carry out many suggested improvements, but we also know that the laws are made to help and protect the citizens and if they do not serve these

purposes any longer they have to be replaced or modified accordingly.

The fact is that with the present laws and regulations the safe drivers and good citizens are not as well protected as they are entitled to in each accident the other party is innocent.

At least 50% of the persons involved in traffic accidents are drivers, passengers and pedestrians who are completely innocent in the accidents.

We have made special federal laws to punish criminals for few cases of kidnapping, etc., yet tens of thousands of other innocents are killed every year and hundreds of thousands crippled or hurt. Does it not seem equally necessary to have protective laws against these crimes?

In order to alleviate the traffic situation in general Congress has appropriated billions of dollars, mostly for new roads. Nevertheless what will be the result?

Cars will be able to travel faster; the number of accidents will hardly be reduced. Would it not be wiser to designate some part of this money for the ELIMINATION of traffic hazards?

As for the local traffic situation in the Torrence-Redondo area, I thought that with this campaign we should have been able to be an example of traffic safety for other communities. Unfortunately we are not. Here some of my experiences to the contrary:

I have never heard or seen during my long life time a town in a civilized country without street lighting in completely settled areas. I would not even ask someone for the reason, because there is no excuse for not installing lighting the first day when a new street is opened.

Another deplorable situation is the lack of sidewalks in many populated areas. This re-

gards not only many less important streets in North Redondo Beach, etc., but also more important streets, for instance that part of Avenue E that links between the Southern end of Palos Verdes Blvd. and Prospect Ave. This is a heavily traveled road. Yet entering into this street you have the feeling to be in an old street of the Middle Ages.

No street lighting, no sidewalks, children playing in the middle of the street and between parked cars. You have to stop for the oncoming cars to let them pass and then proceed in zig-zag with 5MPH, hoping no child will run in front of your car.

The situation is worse yet by night. If an out-of-town driver enters the boulevard from the Avenue E, he has no idea that Palos Verdes Blvd. is a divided road and since there is no lighting on the corner entrance you can imagine the possible consequences.

It so happened to me one night when I was coming down from Thriftymart that I met a car coming in the wrong lane in the opposite direction.

It was only by chance that we did not collide head-on. Another time a similar thing happened on the same spot during heavy fog. Fortunately I drove with 5MPH and the other car was also going slow and our cars could stop head-on, bumper to bumper.

He was a man from Oxnard passing in this area for the first time and he had no idea that this was a divided road. He also was astonished about the missing street lighting.

Another time it happened to me that I came from South Catalina ave., going to the Redondo Post Office, when a car came from the opposite direction and wanted to enter at the Strand theater corner the part of the Catalina ave. that was from here to the next corner a one way street.

When I told him this through the window he told me with astonishment that there was a yellow blinking light which means one can enter with caution. He was right.

There should be a permanent red light and not a heavy blinking yellow light that prevents to see in night time the indicator: "DO NOT ENTER."

Also a death trap is a little curve between Prospect Avenue Corner on Torrence Blvd. and Torrence Drive-In theater. Here the northbound two lanes suddenly narrow to one lane for about 50 feet, and if by chance two cars would travel side by side northwards a collision would be certain in case that a car would come from the opposite direction. Does a fatal accident have to take place before this hazard is eliminated?

Sincerely yours,
(S) ADOLPH DE HA

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Meeting Set By Carson Civic Group

The Carson Civic Betterment Assn., will hold its first meeting of the year at the Woman's Club house on East 220th st. on Monday, January 7, at 7:30 p.m. This organization was formed a few years ago to serve an area roughly bounded on the north by 190th St., and Victoria Blvd., on the east by Wilmington Ave., on the south by Lomita Blvd., and on the west by Normandie Ave., with a population of about 50,000 people.

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BOOSTERS TO PLAN BANQUET

The Torrence Boosters Club will meet January 7, 8 p.m., at the YMCA.

One of the topics for discussion will be a membership drive in the North Torrence and WALTERIA areas.

Plans will be made for the first annual Father & Son banquet for members of the Torrence and North Torrence High football players and their fathers. There will also be a discussion in regard to supporting the basketball squads.

In order to promote the

Boosters Club in WALTERIA and North Torrence, leading Civic Groups have been contacted and arrangements will be made for a representative of the Boosters Club to appear before these groups.

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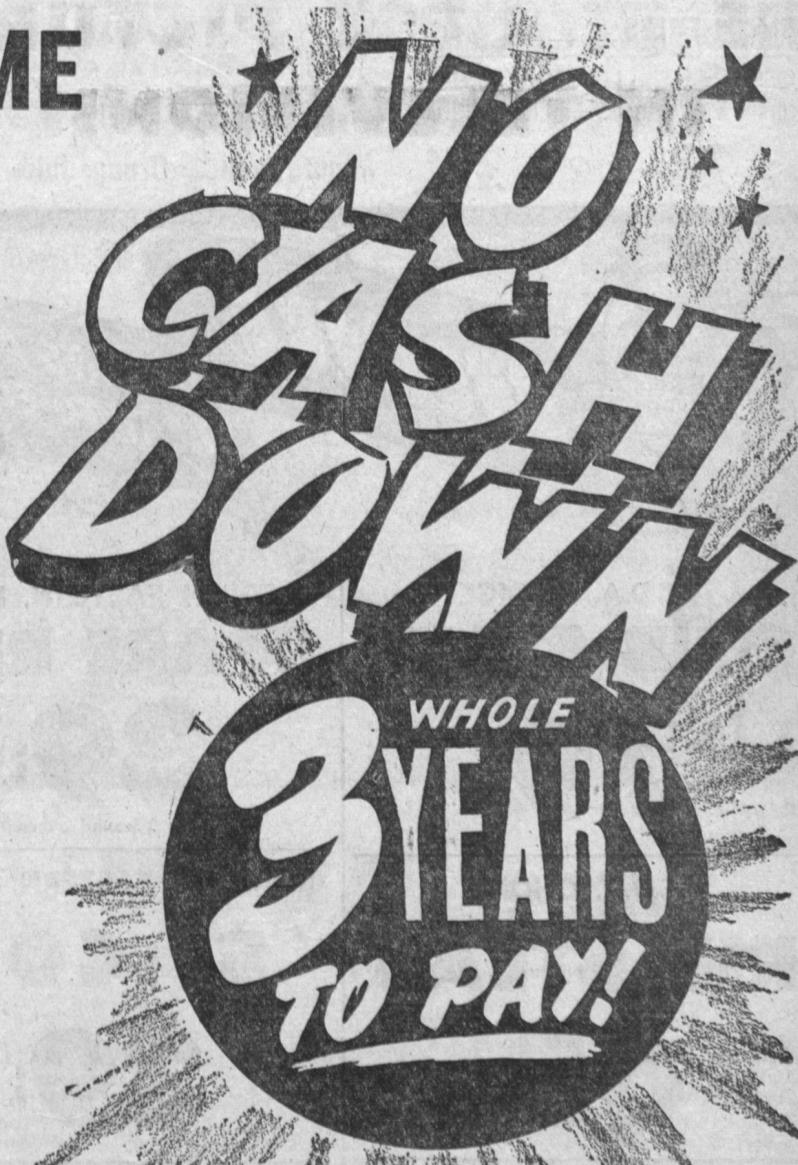
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